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TAGS: CASC, AEMR, PINS, ASEC, PREL, BU, RW, KE
SUBJECT: RWANDA EVACUATION: 14 APRIL, 1020

REF: STATE 97950

1. WE HAVE LEARNED FROM MILITARY SOURCES THAT THE
JOURNALISTS AT THE MILLES COLLINES HOTEL IN KIGALI WERE
OFFERED EVACUATION ON THREE OCCASIONS ON APRIL 13 BY

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BELGIAN TROOPS, BUT DECLINED ALL THREE OFFERS.

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2. THE BELGIAN FORCES ON THE GROUND IN KIGALI HAVE TOLD THE BELGIAN COMMAND IN NAIROBI THAT THEY WILL ATTEMPT ONE MORE TIME TO BRING THE JOURNALISTS OUT TODAY, APRIL 14. THEY HAVE STRESSED THAT THEY CANNOT GUARANTEE THAT THEY WILL BE ABLE TO EVACUATE THEM. THEY HAVE TOLUS THEY WILL KEEP US POSTED.

3. WE WERE IN RADIO CONTACT WITH ADVENTIST COMMUNICATOR WILKENS IN KIGALI AT 0900 NAIROBI TIME. HE ADVISED AGAINST A HELICOPTER RESCUE SINCE HE HAS SEEN LARGE CALIBER WEAPONS IN THE AREA. HE SUGGESTS AN ARMORED GROUND RESCUE.

4. WE SPOKE TO NYT CORRESPONDENT AT THE MILLES COLLINES AT APPROXIMATELY 0750 NAIROBI TIME, BEFORE WE
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LEARNED ANY OF THE ABOVE INFORMATION. WE ARE TRYING TO REESTABLISH TELEPHONE CONTACT TO INFORM THE JOURNALISTS THAT THE BELGIANS HAVE TOLD US THEY WILL MAKE A LAST EFFORT TO REACH THEM AT OUR URGENT REQUEST. TELEPHONE LINES TO KIGALI FROM NAIROBI ARE NOW DOWN. DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO TRY TO ESTABLISH CONTACT FROM WASHINGTON.

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